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SUBJECT: MINISTER ERTL TALKS ABOUT SOYBEANS

1. JOSEF ERTL, FRG MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BEFORE THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE GERMAN FEED MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION AT AUGSBURG ON OCTOBER 17:

2. QUOTE WE ARE MAKING CAREFUL ATTEMPTS TO COME INTO CONTACT WITH BRAZIL REGARDING SOYBEANS AND SOY PRODUCTS. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. I INVITE YOU ALL, PRIVATE TRADE AND COOPERATORS, TO MAKE LONG TERM CONTRACTS WITH BRAZIL, WHICH HAS INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO THESE CONTRACTS. I THINK WE MUST DO THIS. I TOLD THE BRAZILIANS IF SUCH CONTRACTS WOULD MATERIALIZE THAT I WOULD FLY TO BRAZIL TOMORROW TO SIGN
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SUCH A CONTRACT. THE AMERICANS SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED

BY THIS BECAUSE THEY ARE LOSING MORE AND MORE CREDIT
AS A RELIABLE TRADE PARTNER. END QUOTE.
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